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Claims 1 - 9. (Canceled)

Claim 10. (previously presented) A method for attaching a ligand to a solid phase comprising:

- (i) contacting an amine group on a surface of said solid phase with a molecule selected from the group consisting of 2-aminothiolane-HCl and N-succinimidyl-S-acetyl thioacetate, to provide a sulphydryl group in said solid phase, and
- (ii) reacting a conjugate of a ligand with a reactive group and a linker with the molecule attached to the surface of the solid phase in (i), wherein said linker contains a maleimide or sulphydryl group or groups, to form a thiol linkage between said linker and said molecule; so as to attach said ligand to said solid phase.

Claim 11. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said solid phase is a magnetic bead.

Claim 12. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said ligand is an antibiotic.

Claim 13. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein said antibiotic is rapamycin or FK-506.

Claim 14. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said linker is p-maleimidophenyl isocyanate.

Claim 15. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, comprising contacting said surface with 2-aminothiolane HCl, followed by contacting a sulphydryl

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group provided by 2-aminothiolane HCl with p-maleimido phenyl isocyanate.

Claim 16. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, comprising contacting said surface with N-succinimidyl-S-acetylthiocyanate to provide a sulphydryl group on said surface, followed by contacting said sulphydryl group with p-maleimido phenyl isocyanate.

Claim 17 (new) The method of claim 10, wherein said 2-aminothiolane-HCl or N-succinimidyl-S-acetyl thioacetate is contacted to said surface in a solution consisting of dimethyl formamide (DMF).